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SUBJECT: AUGUST 15 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. JAPAN

FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS GOJ AUTHORITIES NOW ENGAGED IN
APPROVING INCREASED NUMBERS YEN-DOMINATED BOND ISSUES
IN JAPAN BY FON GOVTS/HIGHLY REGARDED ORGS IN MOVE DECREASE
COUNTRY'S EXPANDING FON CURRENCY RESERVES. SIX NEW
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ISSUES COULD TOTAL MUCH AS 412 MIL DOLS (CULLISON, JOC
TOKYO).

JAPAN'S MIROKU FIREARMS MFG/BELGIAN FIRM HAVE WORKED
OUT PLAN TO JOINTLY ACQUIRE 77 PCT OUTSTANDING CAPITAL
SHARES US' BROWNING MFG--ONE OF COUNTRY'S LARGEST MAKER
RIFLES/HANDGUNS (JOC).

WP (8/14) REPORTS US-STYLE FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS HAVE ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS BASIC FACT JAPANESE LIFE/ARE MULTIPLYING SO RAPIDLY THAT SALES EXPECTED REACH AUTO INDUSTRY'S LEVEL BY 1985.

BASED ON 1976 STATISTICS, JAPANESE AVG LIFE SPAN HAS INCREASED 50 PCT IN LAST 30 YRS (WP 8/14).

JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU SURVEY FINDS 20 PCT JAPANESE COUPLES MARRIED THIS SPRING TRAVELED ABROAD ON HONEYMOONS, W/HA-WAII CONSIDERED "WORLD'S MOST REFINED EXOTIC OUTPOST" (KANABAYASHI, WSJ).

2. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AMEMB SPOKESMAN SAYS EMB OFFICIAL WHO CLAIMED DIPLO IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION IN FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BEING SENT BACK US. SPOKESMAN SAID DR ROGER MEISNER WILL LEAVE CANBERRA "WITHIN A COUPLE DAYS" (AP SYDNEY, 8/12).

NORTHERN TERRITORY ASSURED OF BECOMING AUSTRALIA'S 7TH STATE 8/14 AFTER LIBERAL-COUNTRY PARTY RETURNED TO POWER IN ELECTION FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (REUTER, NYT).

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JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) REPORTS GOA BUDGET, TO BE ANNOUNCED 8/16, WILL BE STAY-PUT/ANTI-INFLATION DOCUMENT. BUDGET EXPECTED FURTHER REDUCE GOVT EXPENDITURE/KEEP TAXES HIGH.

MULDOON'S SCHEDULED 9/15 MTG W/CARTER POSTPONED AT PM'S REQUEST; NEW MTG MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL NOV/MAYBE EVEN SOMETIME NEXT YR. SOME OBSERVERS SAY REQUEST WAS MULDOON'S ATTEMPT ASSERT INDEPENDENCE/SHOW US HE IS LEADER NOT TO BE IGNORED/TAKEN FOR GRANTED (CARTHEW, CSM WELLINGTON).

3. MALAYSIA

CANADA 8/12 PRESENTED MASS CHEST X-RAY UNIT TO MALAYSIA'S ABORIGINES HOSPITAL NEAR KL. UNIT PART OF 2.3 MIL CANADIAN DOL GRANT FOR ABORIGINAL WELFARE (REUTER KL 8/12).

4. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

PP RADIO SAYS CAMBODIA MOBILIZED TROOPS IN 4 AREAS TO STOP "ENEMIES" FROM ENCROACHING ON CAMBODIAN TERRITORY.

IN LATEST INCIDENT, THAI FORCES SAY CAPTURED 13 CAMBODIAN INFILTRATORS SENT TO SCOUT THAI DEFENSIVE POSITIONS (NYT).

REFUGEE NGUYEN CONG HOAN, FORMER SRV NATL ASSYMAN, SAYS "NOT VERY MUCH GOOD WILL" IN HANOI GOVT EFFORTS LOCATE US MIAS. AT NEWS CONF SPONSORED BY AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION STATES OPPOSITION MOUNTS VS GOVT AMONG VIET PEOPLE (AP WASHINGTON 8/11).

RTG PLANS RAISE 57 MIL DOLS IN LOANS FROM WB/PRIVATE

SOURCES TO HELP FINANCE 138 MIL DOL PATTANI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJ (WSJ).

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5. KOREA

KOREAN SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS PARK REGIME CLASH IN TOKYO. BRAWL STARTED WHEN 300 PARK SUPPORTERS DISRUPTED ANTI-ROKG CONF; 19 INJURED, 8 SERIOUSLY (AP 8/14 NYT, SUN, WSTAR).

USAF WILL SEND 2 MORE F4S TO SK INCOMING MOS TO STRENGTHEN AIR POWER THERE IN ADVANCE OF PLANNED US GROUND TROOP PULLOUT (AP WASHINGTON 8/12).

NK APPARENTLY BANS ALL JAPANESE FISHING BOATS FROM W/IN 200-MI ECON ZONE (AP, NYT 8/14).

HALLORAN (NYT 8/14) REPORTS COLUMBIA U SEEKS 1.5 MIL DOL SK GIFT, BUT GRANT DELAYED DUE ADVERSE PUBLICITY THAT FOLLOWED EARLIER SK DONATION TO HARVARD. ADDS EXACT SOURCE FUNDS MIGHT BE COMING FROM UNCLEAR.

SUN (KNI) QUOTES FORMER FEDRL MARITIME COMMISSIONER HEARN THAT HE RECD 1974 KOREAN TRIP W/EXPENSES PAID BY ROKG.

6. CHINA

NCNA REPORTED 8/13 THAT 11TH CCP CONGRESS NOT YET IN SESSION, CONTRADICTING RECENT JAPANESE/YUGOSLAV REPORTS (AP, WP 8/13).

NCNA REPORTS PRC HARVEST OF WHEAT/SUMMER CROPS GOOD THIS YR DESPITE DROUGHT/COLD WEATHER (NYT, AP 8/13).

NY'S SOCCER TEAM COSMOS OFFICIALLY INVITED PRC BY ALL-SPORTS CMTE OF CHINA (WP, NYT 8/13).

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PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTS CANADIAN FOLK SONGS TO BE USED IN PRC TV PROGRAM; ADDITIONAL SIGN COUNTRY NOW MORE OPEN TO FON CULTURE INCE GANG OF 4 PURGE (AFP, WP 8/15).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. JAPAN

NYT BELIEVES CARTER'S RESPONSE TO JAPAN'S REQUEST REPROCESS NUKE FUEL COULD DETERMINE WHETHER PRES' CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROLIF WILL SUCCEED/FAIL. URGES PRES STAND FIRM IN BLOCKING TOKAI PLANT, AS DECISION ALLOW JAPAN PROCEED WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT PERSUADE OTHERS FOREGO REPROCESSING.

8. CHINA

STANLEY KARNOW, IN 8-PG NYT MAG ARTICLE (8/14) DISCUSSES DILEMMA OF TAIWAN VIS-A-VIS NORMALIZATION. SAYS PRES CANNOT IGNORE THAT MOST FAVOR NORMALIZATION W/O REPUDIATING TAIWAN BOND. SEES US POLICY AS MOVING TOWARD DIP RELS W/PRC, WHILE EXTRACTING TACIT/OVERT GUARANTEE ON TAIWAN'S INTEGRITY. SINCE LATTER APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT, BELIEVES VANCE MISSION CAN ONLY SERVE TO SHOW AMERICAN SINCERITY IN SEEKING OFFICIAL RELS W/PRC.

THOMAS METZER, UNIV OF CALIF PROF, IN 8/15 LTR NYT CASTIGATES FAIRBANKS' 7/27 NYT PIECE WHICH ARGUED FOR NORMALIZATION W/PRC; IMPLEMENTATION "JAPAN FORMULA" W/ROC. METZGER DENIES VALIDITY 1-CHINA THEORY; ALSO FAIRBANKS' ASSERTION THAT BY SECURITY TREATY W/ROC, US AIDING ONE SIDE IN ON-GOING CIVIL WAR. ADVOCATES US ADOPT POLICY OF COOPERATION W/O CAPITULATION ON TAIWAN TOWARD PRC.

FULL-PG AD IN 8/14 NYT OF AD HOC CONCERNED AMERICANS FOR ASIA-PACIFIC PEACE AND STABILITY CARRIES LTR TO PRES URGING CONTINUATION DIP TIES W/ROC, PARTIAL LISTING 3,500 UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNATORIES TO LTR. COUPON AT BOTTOM FOR READER TO SEND PRES, ASKING HIM "NOT TO ABANDON TAIWAN."

9. INDOCHINA

MARIAN EDELMAN (NYT 8/14) SAYS WHILE IN HANOI W/WOODCOCK MISSION ASKED BE INFORMED RE ORPHANS/CHILD-CARE PROBLEMS.

QUOTES SRV OFFICIALS THAT MAIN PROBLEM IN NUTRITION. REVIEWS FOOD PROBLEM, INCL WORK STARTED BY UNICEF TO FEED CHILDREN. POINTS OUT US HAS NOT RESPONDED TO UNICEF APPEAL. SAYS IS PERPLEXED BY CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS THAT PERHAPS UNINTENTIONALLY HAVE EFFECT DENYING FOOD/MEDICINE AID. ADVOCATES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE/FOOD AID FOR SRV.

10. PHILIPPINES

WEINRAUB (NYT 8/13) AT MANILA, REVIEWS CASE JAILED BENIGNO AQUINO. SAYS CASE STIRS EMBARRASSMENT/SENSITIVITY W/IN GOP. CONCLUDES AQUINO STILL POL FORCE. IN 8/15 ARTICLE, WEINRAUB DESCRIBES ROLE OF RC CHURCH GROUP IN OPPOSING MARTIAL LAW REGIME; CALLS IT ONLY OPPOSITION IN PHILS. NOTES MARTIAL LAW ACHIEVEMENTS IN ECON MANAGEMENT/LAND REFORM. ADDS NUMBER POL PRISONERS UNCLEAR, BUT GOP SAYS ABOUT 4700 IN MIL DETENTION, 500 HELD ON SUSPICION SECURITY OFFENSES.

11. PHILIPPINES/MALAYSIA

MORITZ (CSM) AT KL NOTES 8/9 VISIT TO SABAH BY MARCOS/IMELDA APPEARS HAVE OPENED NEW CHAPTER IN EFFORTS END MUSLIM REBELLION IN S PHILS. STATES VISIT MEANT DRAMATIZE GOP DROPPING CLAIM TO SABAH; IN RETURN MALAYSIA AGREED UNCLASSIFIED

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STEP UP ACTION VS PIRACY/SMUGGLING BETW SABAH/S PHILS. CONCLUDES W/DRAWAL CLAIM COULD PROMOTE GREATER HARMONY BEWT PHILS/MALAYSIA; AS WELL AS SECURE GREATER GOM COOPERATION IN PREVENTING USE SABAH AS REBEL SANCTUARY.

12. KOREA

MALCOLM (NYT) LOOKS OVER SEOUL'S PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION/DIRT/POPULATION DENSITY. NOTES IS 9TH LARGEST CITY IN WORLD. SAYS IN AUG HEAT, TOO HOT TO CARE ABOUT TROOP W/DRAWAL. CONCLUDES POLLUTION PROBLEMS ARE MEASURE SUCCESS IN ECON DEVELOPMENT. VANCE

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